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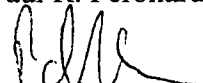
Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request dated October 17, 2006, concerning the Libby Asbestos Site in Libby, Lincoln County, Montana

Dear Ms. Maxion,

I am writing in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) dated October 17, 2006, concerning the Libby Asbestos Site. The Agency's Superfund Investigations began in Libby in late November 1999. Your FOIA request seeks information on how the EPA communicated with the citizens in the Libby area regarding our investigations and actions in the area. Upon sensing the potential scope and impact of the Libby Site the EPA participated in enumerable community involvement activities to inform the public of the situation in Libby, and to update the public about our investigations and response actions. These included town meetings in December 1999, and in January and February of 2000. EPA personnel also attended meetings with the Lincoln County Commissioners as well as the Libby City Council. By March of 2000 EPA opened an information office that was staffed five days a week in Libby. Also, by March of 2000 EPA had facilitated the formation of the Libby Citizens Advisory Group (CAG), which still meets on a monthly basis in Libby. EPA response personnel also meet with other Libby area civic groups, such as the Rotary Club, as well as business organizations, such as the Libby Association of Realtors, to provide information. These type of outreach efforts continue to this day.

It would be impossible to delineate each and every activity that the EPA has undertaken in this regard. In lieu of this I am providing you herein a digital copy of the current Administrative Record for this Site. Also, please note that the EPA Region 8 website contains information regarding Libby as well, including the monthly meeting notes from the regular CAG meetings. The Region 8 website can be reached through the regional link on EPA's nation website found at www.epa.gov. If you have any further questions please call me at (303) 312-6808.

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